



FAQs / A work in progress...

Are seniors able to submit the scores they received as juniors in order to earn the Seal?

Yes, as long as they have proof they meet the criteria.

If a student takes a proficiency test in their junior year and doesn't meet the criteria in all of the domains, do they have to retake the entire test their senior year or can they test in the domain(s) that require a higher score?

Yes.

My current juniors are going to take the test this year. Are they able to be awarded the seal their junior year or would they have to wait until their senior year to be awarded?

Can we only send seniors' names to the state on May 1?

The Seal is only awarded upon graduation, so please send only applications for seniors on May 1. Scores need not be from the senior year as long as all requirements, including the English requirements of 4 units of ELA or an ACT score are met.

We also have students who graduate early as juniors meaning and receive their diplomas at the end of their junior year. What is Montana's policy on awarding those juniors the Seal?

As long as the students have met all of the requirements - English and another language - they can be awarded the Seal upon graduation, including early graduation.

What is the policy for the state of Montana pertaining to scores older than two years?

Some schools have chosen to give language proficiency tests more than once during high school in order to track the progression of language skills and encourage growth. We also support pathways to the Seal, which might include proficiency testing as early as middle school. With that in mind, any score within five years of graduation will be accepted, though one would hope that the student and school would make every effort to test the most recent progress in the junior or senior year.

Are the seals that we can request in the spring free? My principal was wondering.

The costs of testing are the responsibility of the school district or student. The Board will provide the seal, certificate, and transcript language at no cost.